

Item 3600-001-0001 Department of Fish and Game

8. Salmon and Steelhead Trout Restoration—Klamath River Projects.

On or before January 10, 2007, DFG shall provide a report to the Legislature (including budget and fiscal committees from both houses), on its use of state funds for restoring the Klamath River, its progress to date, and its plans for the budget and future years for this restoration effort. The department's report shall discuss how the department's efforts are being coordinated with those of other state agencies expending funds for this purpose. It is the intent of the Legislature that the state undertakes a systematic approach to Klamath River restoration.

DEPARTMENT RESPONSE:

FY 2006-07 -- Fisheries Restoration Grant Program
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Department of Fish and Game (Department) was authorized \$4 million in ongoing General Fund for the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP) for FY 2006-07. These funds contribute to the required 25% state match for the Federal Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF). In previous years, Tidelands Oil Revenue (FY 2000-02, and 2005-06) and Bond funds (FY 2000-01 through 2004-05) have contributed to the required federal match.

Project grants are awarded by the FRGP through an annual competitive solicitation process in May of each year. Proposals received undergo a rigorous technical review during the summer months, and then a review by an advisory committee. The advisory committee, the California Coastal Salmonid Restoration Grants Peer Review Committee, evaluates each proposal, makes recommendations for funding in early November of each year, and provides the Department Director with a prioritized list of recommended proposals. The Department Director then makes final annual funding decisions in December or January.

The majority of these funds go toward implementation of habitat restoration projects that improve overhead cover, spawning gravels, and pool habitat; reduce or eliminate erosion and sedimentation impacts; screen sites where water is diverted for agricultural and urban uses so fish remain in their habitat; and remove barriers to fish passage.

Funds have also been awarded for activities that indirectly affect habitat restoration. Examples are cooperative fish rearing, acquisitions of riparian easements, research, project monitoring, watershed assessment and planning, support for watershed organizations, and public outreach and education.

BUDGETED RESOURCES

The following table provides the dollars and projects that have been dedicated to the Klamath Basin for each of the last six fiscal years. As detailed above, funding decisions for 2006-07 will not be made by the Director until December 2006 or January 2007 of this fiscal year.

Fiscal Year	Federal Funds	State Funds	Total Investment	Total Number of Projects	Investment in Klamath Basin	Number of Projects Klamath Basin
2000-01	\$9,000,000	\$15,085,000	\$24,085,000	309	\$4,644,198	65
2001-02	\$15,086,000	\$8,233,000	\$23,319,000	139	\$10,057,105	41
2002-03	\$16,950,000	\$12,303,000	\$29,253,000	204	\$5,163,261	47
2003-04	\$13,839,500	\$8,000,000	\$21,839,500	135	\$2,804,084	26
2004-05	\$12,869,834	\$8,000,000	\$20,869,834	150	\$3,436,798	33
2005-06	\$12,698,469	\$6,700,000	\$19,398,469	178	\$2,811,740	40
<i>Tentative</i> 2006-07	\$6,300,000	\$4,000,000	\$10,300,000	TBD	TBD	TBD
Total	\$86,743,803	\$62,321,000	\$149,064,803	1,115	\$28,917,186	252